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Date Transcribed June 7, 1991

THOMAS R. THOMPSON was interviewed at his residence in the following descriptive information was obtained:

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Home Address:

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Home Telephone:

Date of Birth:

SSAN:

Employer:

W.G. Corporation, Morgantown, PA

Mr. Grabill identified himself to Mr. THOMPSON by displaying his credentials and advised him that the investigation concerned his knowledge of the Welsh Road Site. Mr. Grabill also advised him that the investigation had been authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Philadelphia, PA. Mr. THOMPSON agreed to be interviewed and said that he would be willing to review this statement and, after reviewing for accuracy, sign the statement. He provided the following information:

He was first employed by ERNEST BARKMAN in approximately 1973 when he was twenty or twenty-one years old. He worked for one year picking trash on the Honey Brook, Elverson, and Pomeroy routes. He usually went with drivers BILL DEIHM or DAVE BARKMAN. They picked up one load per week per town of residential trash and garbage which was taken to the Welsh Road Site and buried. At that time, GEORGE WOLFE ran the bulldozer to bury the trash. BARKMAN had only one roll-off which was used for hauling ground-up styrofoam cups from Dart Container in Leola, PA. This pick-up consisted of one load per night, five nights per week and was also buried at the site. Sometimes, ERNEST BARKMAN ran the bulldozer to bury the trash. To Mr. THOMPSON's knowledge, no liquids were hauled from Dart Container.

BARKMAN also hauled from Sperry, New Holland at that time but did not have a roll-off there. Two trucks were used to service Sperry. One hauled wooden skids to BARKMAN's Mountaintop property where they were burned. This was a small truck which picked up one load per day, five days per week. The second truck was a rear-end loader trash truck which was used for regular trash consisting of paper and cardboard which was hauled to the site and buried. They picked up one load per day, five days per week. A third truck was used to service Sperry, but it was not connected to the disposal of trash. It was a tractor trailer driven by BILL FULTON to haul steel to an area near Lukens Steel in Coatesville, PA. Mr. THOMPSON does not know how many trips were made to pick up steel but stated that BILL FULTON worked full-time at this.

JOE SAMUELS worked part-time in the evenings as a mechanic. He had a full-time job at Hibernia Park. JIMMY GOOD and WALTER CLEVENSTINE hung around the site when they were very young and did some odd jobs. BARKMAN had young men or boys tearing cars apart because they were very cheap labor. Later he got into trouble with the State for underpaying his employees. Mr. THOMPSON received a compensatory check for \$400.00 several years after he left Barkman Disposal.

Interview of Thomas R. Thompson

On 6/4/91

JHA File # 90-125

Conducted by Richard C. Grabill

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Mr. THOMPSON left BARKMAN's after one year and went with JOE BLOSENSKI where he worked for several years. In 1978 or 1979, he returned to Barkman Disposal. He drove a rear-end loader for two years, four days a week on the Cumru Township route. This was residential trash which was taken to the Western Berks Landfill. He also drove one day a week on the Kenhurst Village route which was also residential trash and went the Western Berks Landfill.

During his last period of employment at the site, Mr. THOMPSON recalled that ARTHUR SNIPES, PAUL TOWNSEND, and JIMMY GOOD were roll-off drivers. It is possible that "BUD THOMPSON", his cousin, drove roll-offs in 1979; but he is not sure of this. GEORGE COTTON may have been there in 1979, but he is not sure.

When Mr. THOMPSON left BARKMAN's, the boot area of the site on the eastern part was filled with junked cars. There were also a lot of fifty-five gallon drums (possibly dozens) most of which were salvaged for scrap metal. He does not recall any drums being buried on the site and did not see the contents of any of the drums.

Mr. THOMPSON has indicated on Attachment A (drawing of the site) and on Attachment B (aerial photograph of the site) the area where he saw trash buried.

In addition to the employees mentioned above, Mr. THOMPSON furnished information on the following employees:

JOHN LANCASTER: Was a picker on residential routes in 1979.

JACK McMILLAN: Was a salesman for BARKMAN and was middle-aged when he worked there in the 1970s. His whereabouts are unknown.

ROGER MILLISCOK: Was a picker on the Cumru route, period not recalled.

LARRY PARSONS: Was a driver on the Cumru route, period not recalled.

The following company names associated with the Welsh Road Site were discussed with Mr. THOMPSON, and his comments are set forth below for those names which were familiar. Those names with no comments were not familiar to him. He was also asked whether any auto body shops were associated with the site. For each name for which he had information of value to offer, he was questioned about the type of waste, quantity of waste, frequency of pick-up, destination of the waste if other than the Welsh Road Site, and the identity of the driver who picked up the waste. All the information of value known to him is set forth below:

1. Alcoa, Lancaster, PA:
2. Allen Sherman-Hoff:
3. American Cyanamid:
4. Arco Chemical Company:
5. Armstrong Floors, Park City Mall, Lancaster, PA:

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6. Bristolpipe, Inc., Leola, PA:
 7. Budd Company:
 8. Burnham Boiler (now Burnham Corp.), Lancaster, PA:
 9. C & D Power Systems, Leola, PA:
 10. Chateau Recreational Vehicle, Christiana, DE:
 11. Clark, J.L. Manufacturing, Centerville Rd., Lancaster, PA:
 12. Continental Can, Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA:
 13. Dart Container Company, Leola, PA: See comments above.
 14. Donnelly, R.R., Lancaster, PA (former Schick plant):
 15. Farrell Industries, Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA:
 16. General Cigar, Lancaster, PA:
 17. Georgia Pacific, Lancaster, PA:
 18. Heil Equipment Company, Lancaster, PA:
 19. Howmet Corporation:
 20. Interstate Container, Reading, PA:
 21. K D Tools, Hempland Road, Lancaster, PA:
 22. Kalas Mfg., Inc., Denver, PA:
 23. L G Industries, Inc., Coatesville, PA:
 24. Liberty Homes, Inc., Leola, PA:
 25. Neoplan, Route 322, Honey Brook, PA:
 26. Penguin Industries, Coatesville, PA:
 27. RCA (now Burle Industries), Lancaster, PA:
 28. Redmond's Mobile Homes, Honey Brook, PA:
 29. Santmere Industries:
 30. Schick Co., Lancaster, PA:
 31. Science Press. Ephrata, PA:
 32. Sherex Chemical Company:
 33. Shirlee Manufacturing Co., New Holland, PA:

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34. Skyline Homes, Inc., Ephrata, PA:
35. Sonoco Products, Downingtown, PA:
36. Sperry New Holland, New Holland, PA: See comments above.
37. Sun Oil Company (Sunoco):
38. Trojan Boat Company, Lancaster, PA:
39. Weaver's Chicken, New Holland, PA:
40. Woodstream Corporation, Lititz, PA:

Mr. THOMPSON advised that he recognized some of the company names but could not associate them with the site. He stated that he never saw any liquids hauled to the site and was not aware of liquids or chemicals being buried there.

He had no further information of value to offer and the interview was terminated.

STATEMENT OF THOMAS R. THOMPSON:

I, Thomas R. Thompson, have read the above statement; and it is true and accurate to the best of my recollection. I have voluntarily signed this page and have initialed each of the above pages to attest to the accuracy of this statement. No promises or threats have been made to me, and no coercion of any kind has been used to make me sign this statement.

Signature: _____

Thomas R. Thompson

Date: _____

June 11, 1991

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Welsh Road Site

Attachment A
June 4, 1991
Original markings by THOMAS THOMPSON
Trash Burial Site

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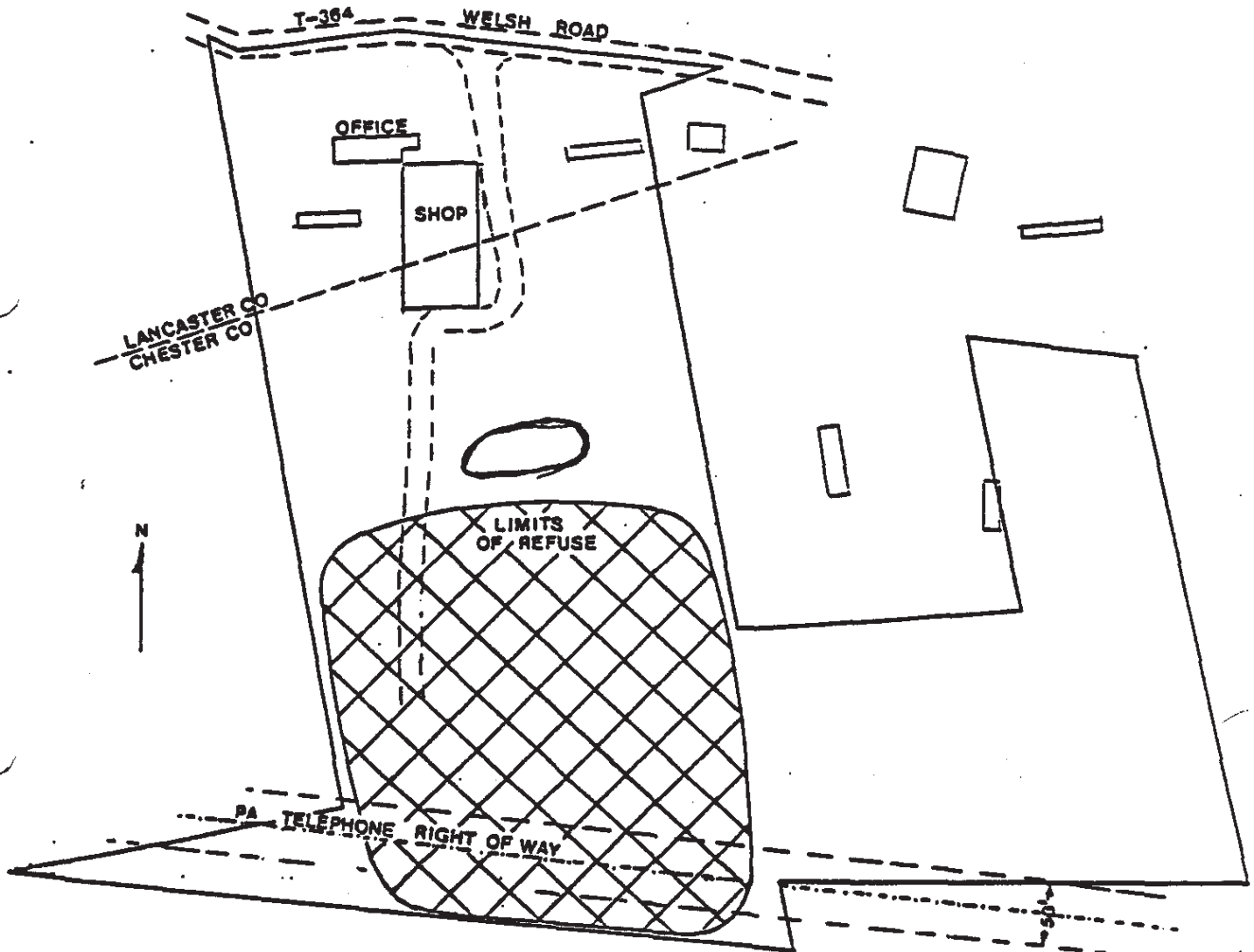


Figure 2. Detailed Site Map - Barkman Landfill,
Chester/Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania.

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